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SUBJ: QUARTZ EXPORTS

REF: STATE 216322

1. CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICERS MET WITH OFFICIALS FROM CACEX (FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT OF BANK OF BRAZIL) RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPORT LICENSING OF MINERALS (NUCLEO DE ESTUDOS DE PRODUTOS MINERAIS) TO DISCUSS BAN ON QUARTZ EXPORTS FROM BRAZIL.

2. ACCORDING TO CACEX OFFICIALS BAN WAS RESULT OF UNCOMMONLY HIGH EXPORTS DURING FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1974 AND UNREALISTIC PRICING OR CLASSIFICIATION PROCEDURES BY BRAZILIAN EXPORTERS. BAN WAS PARTIALLY LIFTED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1974 WHEN CACEX ISSUED COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 489 WHICH INTER ALIA: A) LIBERATE EXPORTATION OF QUARTZ; B) ESTABLISHED CONDITIONS FOR EXPORTATION OF QUARTZ CHIPS (FRAGMENTS WEIGHING LESS THAN 200 GRAMS EACH). CONDITIONS REQUIRE THAT EXPORT SALES MUST BE MADE AT US$3.50 OR HIGHER PER KILO, REGARDLESS OF TYPE OR CLASSIFICATION OF CHIPS AND ESTABLISH A GLOBAL QUOTA OF 600 METRIC TONS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBERN 1974.

3. CACEX OFFICIALS STATED THAT THE 600 TON QUOTA ESTABLISHED
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FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER

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EXPORT DEMAND. THIS QUANTITY REFLECTS THE AVERAGE OF 200 TONS EXPORTED MONTHLY UNDER NORMAL DEMAND SITUATION. THE US$3.50 IS NOT AN EXPORT DUTY BUT ESTABLISHES A FLOOR AT WHICH A BRAZILIAN EXPORTER MAY SELL QUARTZ CHIPS FOR EXPORT. THERE ARE NO EXPORT DUTIES ASSESSED ON MINERALS.

COMMENT: CACEX OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO ADVANCE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FURTHER RESTRICTIONS THAT MAY ENTER INTO FORCE IN 1975 OR ON POSSIBILITY OF COMPLETE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS. THEY DID TELL US, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOB FAVORS INVESTMENT IN BRAZIL TO PRODUCE CULTURED QUARTZ CRYSTALS (PIEZOELECTRIC GRADE) AND WISHES TO ASSURE DOMESTIC PRODUCERS OF AVAILABILITY OF RAW MATERIAL.
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